Trucking Vocabulary

Two Types

Conventional - A truck with the engine mounted in front of the cab. Has a nose
Cabover - A truck with the engine mounted between the frame rails and under the cab.

Manufacturers

These are the class 8 tractor/trailer makers.

1. Peterbuilt - Pete, Petercar
2. Freightliner - Freightshaker
3. Kenworth - Kwhopper
4. International - 13 letter s**t spreader, corn binder
5. Mack - Bulldog
6. Ford/Sterling
7. Western Star

Types of Trucks

Kind of confusing because a “truck” is known by it’s trailer.

1. **Freight hauler, Dry Box, Van** - regular dry van. Typically 53’ long. Occasionally see a 48’
   Also some are called soft sides which are trailers with tarps for sides but still has the typical hard roof, nose and doors on the rear of the trailer.
2. **Reefer/Refrigerated** - A refrigerated trailer for hauling fresh/frozen food or special chemicals. No trailer that has ever hauled hazmat can ever haul food. Temp ranges from -20F to 70F
3. **Flatbed/Skateboard** - A trailer with no solid walls that require straps and/or chains to secure the load to the deck. Most often needs tarps to cover the freight. A flat bed may also have a “tarp system” which consists of aluminum frame with a tarp attached to the frame. There are also a type of tarp system that has a portable plywood sidewall sections that have a tarp stretched over the top of the freight. These are referred to as covered wagons because they resemble the covered wagons of the old west.
4. **Dumps**.
   End dump - A open roof trailer that lifts up and dumps the load out of a tailgate at the rear of the trailer. Typically used in construction for dirt, gravel, rocks, etc

Belly dump/Hopper bottom - A trailer that has a dump underneath the frame. Most used for grain.
Combo - A trailer that can dump from the rear or the bottom.

5. **Tanker/Thermos Bottle** - A trailer that hauls liquid.
   Food Grade - Milk, Cream, Syrup, Water, etc
   Hazmat - Gasoline, Oil, LP, Nitrogen, etc
6. **Livestock/Bull Racks** - A trailer for hauling live animals such as cattle, hogs, lamb, etc. Doesnt really matter what's in it. It's still called a Bullrack.
7. **Car Hauler/Parkin' Lot** - Just what it sounds like. A trailer made for hauling cars.
8. **Pups/Wiggle Wagon** - Double/triple trailers

Most Used CB Lingo

Bear/Smokey Bear - A police officer. Several different types.

- **Full Grown Bear** - A state trooper
- **City Kitty** - Local city cop.
- **County Mounty** - Sheriff deputy
- **Diesel Bear/DOT** - Typically a state trooper that is on the "Commercial Vehichle Enforcement" force. Some state such as Michigan all state troopers are DOT certified. Many "city kitties" and "county mounties" need to have federal DOT certification to do inspections on a tractor/trailer. But they can still give you tickets for traffic violations. Most will not ever bother a truck unless he did something really, really stupid or the town is well known for hitting trucks hard. Also known as revenue enhancement towns.
- **Weigh Master** - Typically a large city or county officer that is for Commercial Vehicle Enforcement. They like to hide out on the county roads and in industrial parks and tend to pick on mostly local trucks.
- **Evil Knievel** - Motorcycle cop

Disco lights - Bright flashing strobes on police and fire/rescue vehicles.
Meat Wagon - Ambulance
Electric Indian - Digital arrow sign
Lot Lizard - Female prostitute
Commercial Buffalo - Male prostitute
Hammer Lane - Left lane
Granny Lane - Right lane
Lane number "'" - Typically 1, 2, 3, 4, etc. Lanes are numbered as you see them from the driver's perspective. Ie Lane 1 is the left lane, the next lane to the right is 2, the next to the right of that is 3, etc.

Center Lane Sissy - Someone who drives in the center lane, typically in a large city, under the posted speed limit.
Get off ramp - exit ramp
Get on ramp - entrance ramp
Yardstick - Mile marker
Brake check - Traffic comes to a fast stop.
Chicken house/Chicken Coupe/Scale - Weigh station. Named because back in the old days they looked like large chicken coupe.
Checking the ground pressure - The scale is just rolling you through with no inspections.
Big Word is Out - Scale is closed
Little Word is Out - The scale is open
Chicken Loose On Scale Extremely Dangerous - The scale is C.L.O.S.E.D.
Cop Left Our Scale Eating Doughnuts - The same thing as above.
Oh Please Enter Now - The scale is O.P.E.N.
Chicken Truck/Chicken Hauler - A truck and trailer with lots of yellow marker lights all over.
Big Truck - Nowadays is used as a general term for any truck. Back during the time of the national speed limit set at 55 mph it referred to a truck that would go as fast as the speedometer stopped at.
Large Car - A truck that will go as fast as the speedometer says and then go some more. Aka a triple digit truck.
10-33 - An accident
10-36 - What is the local time
10-4 - I understood the last transmission
Roger/Roggie - See 10-4, same thing.
Break “” - Followed by what ever channel you are on. When other people are talking on the radio and you want to get into the conversation.
Break for radio check - How is my radio sounding.
What's your 20/10-20 - Where are you at
Break for local info - Can someone help me with directions.
CB Rambo - Someone on the radio just shooting off their mouth and trying to start an argument or fight. Typically someone who is really bored or likes confrontation.
Good Buddy - In the old days it meant a good friend. Nowadays it is a demeaning term for a homosexual.
BJ 22 - Just let you figure that one out on your own.
Greenhorn - Trainee
4 wheeler - Car
Box Truck - 6 wheel van
2 wheeler - Motorcycle
CB Handle - Your alias on the radio. Most drivers pick the name. The best names are earned.

Travel Agent - Your dispatcher
Hauling Sailboat Fuel/Dispatcher Brains - An empty trailer.
Go Go Juice - Fuel
Kick a Tire - Use the bathroom
You're running out of turn signal fluid - Your turn signal is still on.
You ain't gonna believe this but... - What I am about to tell you is a lie.
Mash the gas and tote that a** - Haven't seen any speed cops. Free to drive as fast as you want.
Hammer Down - Same thing
Jake Brake - A trademark name for an engine exhaust brake. For some reason on the radio they are all called Jake Brake. Kind of like Kleenex is with tissues.
Gator - A blown truck tire in the road.
Black Dog - When you're tired at night and think a shadow is a black dog.
Bear in the Air - Police in a helicopter or plane shooting laser or radar.
Taking Pictures - Police sitting still using laser or radar. May have multiple chase cars sitting up the road waiting.
Convoy - A group of 5 or more trucks running the same pace (usually above the speed limit) and generally stay together in a straight line formation sometimes at nerve racking following distance from each other. Surprisingly this is illegal. Although rarely enforced. I know that Ohio, Illinois and Arkansas will enforce it once in awhile.
Front Door - The first truck in a convoy.
Rocking Chair - The truck in the middle of a convoy.
Back Door - The last truck in a convoy.
Super Slab - 4+ lane interstate highway
Big Road - Same as above
Little/Skinny road - 2 lane US or state highway